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DETAILED ACTION

This is in response to amendment after final filed on 3/7/08 in which claims 1-23 are pending. The applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not persuasive enough to place the application in condition for allowance. Therefore the application stand rejected as stated in the final office action dated 1/7/08.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emmanuel Bayard whose telephone number is 571 272 3016. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (7:Am-4:30PM) Alternate Friday off.

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